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YOUTH MINISTER ALLOCATES UP TO \$265,000 FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

OTTAWA -- Jean J. Charest, Minister of State for Youth, Fitness and Amateur Sport, has renewed funding up to \$265,000 with the Canadian Association for Cooperative Education (CAFCE) to stimulate more work/study projects for community college and university students.

"Canada's unique experiment with cooperative education has proven to be very effective in helping young people make the school-to-work transition," Mr. Charest said.

"That's why we are interested in seeing CAFCE emerge as a strong and independent advocate of cooperative education," he added.

The funding, subject to an annual review over three years, will enable CAFCE to promote partnerships with employers, the government and education so that all sectors are involved in cooperative education. One of CAFCE's initiatives this year will include enlisting the support of "champions," that is large employers of cooperative students.

"Cooperative education has many friends in Canada," Mr. Charest added. "In particular, I would like to mention the support of Geoff Scott, the Member of Parliament for Hamilton-Wentworth, who helped Mohawk College obtain financial assistance to host the 1988 World Conference on Cooperative Education."

CAFCE estimates that 38,577 students will have participated in the co-op program during the 1988/89 academic year in a wide range of fields such as computing science studies, sciences, engineering/technology, hospitality/tourism, and others.

"Cooperative education has come to be recognized as a practical way for young people to enter the workforce. I would like to extend my best wishes to CAFCE and others who have committed themselves to its progress in Canada. I am convinced that success will build on success."

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